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Application of:

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FOR POLYPEPTIDE GROWTH FACTORS

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onlyRESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED DECEMBER 17, 2004MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was March 17, 2005.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to June 17, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.000600RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE VALUE ACCOUNTABILITY	
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50	0786
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1202	1250
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5. *Claim objections*

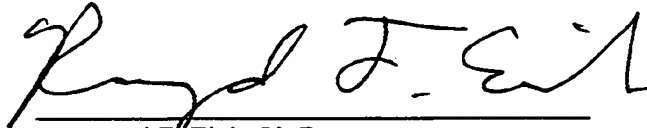
The Examiner objected to claim 19 on the grounds that it depended on a rejected base claim. By the above amendment, claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of the rejected base claim. Applicants submit the basis for this rejection has been removed.

6. *Conclusion*

Applicants submit all pending claims 13-15, 19-29, and 32-49 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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